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MANAGING AIR FROM A	§	GERD:0106
COOKTOP	§	

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

The applicants have elected to file a Request for Continued Examination to continue prosecution of the above-identified case. This Preliminary Amendment is the applicants' submission pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Prior to examination of the application, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks set forth below.